



	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/811,539	ALSETH ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/10/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claim is allowable because the prior art fails to teach a shim for adjusting the clearance between a guide and an upper jaw as set forth in claims 1 and 12.

LaBounty et al. teaches a lower jaw 12, an upper jaw 14, pivot means 16, means for attachment to the boom structure of the excavator 18, a first mounting plate (26 and 80), a second mounting plate 28, guides (68 and 95) and means for attaching the guide/bolts 72. However, LaBounty et al. doesn't need the use of a shim for adjusting the clearance because when the guide becomes worn the bolt 78 is turned for adjusting the clearance (see col. 5, lines 51-57).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Flores-Sánchez whose telephone number is 571-272-4507. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.





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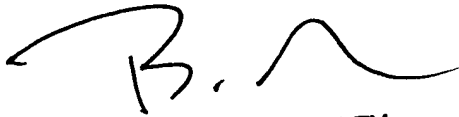
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